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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2828  
PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: "FUNDAMENTAL-TRANSVERSE-MODE INDEX-GUIDED SEMICONDUCTOR  
LASER DEVICE HAVING UPPER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER THINNER THAN  
LOWER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER"

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, please consider the remarks  
as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003,  
is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly,  
favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.